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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 28, 2020

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent P-20 System and Student Transitions *sm*
Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *VK*
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Career and Technical Education Certificate Changes

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is implementing a merger of standard, professional, and advanced professional teaching certificates with career and technical education (CTE) certificates.

Beginning January 1, 2021, CTE educators who hold two teaching certificates will have those certificates merged into a single teaching certificate that includes CTE classification of instructional programs (CIP) codes, as well as non-CTE endorsements. The new, single certificate will hold the latest expiration date of the two certificates to ensure that educators do not lose time on certificate validity.

The certificate merger streamlines the renewal process for educators, reduces renewal costs, and eases the burden of verification of certification and placement for district staff. The requirements for earning CIP codes on a teaching certificate will remain the same.

Please help us communicate with CTE certificate holders about this transition.

Please contact the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educator Excellence at MDE-EducatorHelp@Michigan.gov with any additional questions.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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